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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

AKIHIKO NAKAZAWA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/467,986

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For: ENDLESS BELT FOR
ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHY,
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
THE ENDLESS BELT, AND
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
HAVING THE ENDLESS BELT:

May 15, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document may be found in the specification as follows:

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 63-301960, page 1, lines 16-21;

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 3-89357 and 5-345368, page 6, line 23 - page 7, line 1;

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 5-269849, page 7, lines 2-4;

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 9-269674, page 7, lines 4-8;

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 5-77252, page 7, lines 8-10.

English abstracts of the references are also provided for the Examiner's convenience.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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